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MIDLAND) -- Donald Beyette inventor of *Grab-A-Cane*[™] has achieved another milestone. Five members of the Blue Water Angels investment group have funded *Grab-A-Cane*[™] with a \$5,000 investment. Mr. Beyette being physically challenged from birth (Holt Oram syndrome) invented *Grab-A-Cane*[™] after being crushed in 2001 on the good side of his body inside the muffler shop he owned. Mr. Beyette was given a cane and a reacher/grabber by physical therapy specialists at the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, which is also a trauma one hospital. Mr. Beyette says he giggled to himself thinking, "I only have a hand and a half, how am I going to use these two things at the same time?" After participating in "*BOOST Michigan*" hosted by *Michigan Works! (ThumbWorks!)* in Marlette and in "Pitch Night" hosted by the MidMichigan Innovation Center, five members of the *Blue Water Angels* decided to help him toward achieving his dream. The dream? To provide jobs for disabled veterans and the

physically and mentally challenged. “Don truly represents the spirit and drive of Thumb Area residents as everyday entrepreneurs. Always finding a new, better opportunity,” said Marvin N. Pichla, Executive Director of ThumbWorks!

This goal will be accomplished using start-up services provided by MMIC and nonprofit workshops like SVRC in Saginaw as well as several others nonprofit workshops in the Thumb area of Michigan. His product can be purchased on eBay. He states that he has also been helped by Tuscola County EDC through a grant given to Shepherd Advisers to help small companies increased their Web presence. These are newly created jobs he says, not laid off workers being called back.

Grab-A-Cane[™] is a made in Michigan product. By purchasing canes from TFI in Virginia, a manufacturer not an importer, and machining performed at Attica Automation of Columbiaville, MI, *Grab-A-Cane*[™] is truly an American-made product. Grab-A-Cane's company motto reaffirms his dream: “*Grab-A-Cane*[™], built by the handicapped for the handicapped. That's why it works.”

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